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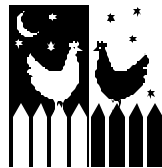
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Retail demand following the weekend was seasonally light to fair, best for features. Food service was light to moderate, at times better into fast food accounts and restaurants. Supplies were at least adequate and available and often discounted to increase interest. In the parts structure, trading was slow to moderate. Breast items were mixed, better balanced for bone-in, aided by retail promotions. The remaining items were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/10/01-12/15/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Bos/New Eng	47.50-49.00	48.32	17	50.99
Chicago	45.00-49.00	48.34	43	50.39
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.38
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	62.33
Denver	68.50	68.44	17	66.26
Detroit	48.00-49.00	49.36	11	54.66
Los Angeles	69.00	66.42	67	63.10
New York	45.00-47.00	46.91	23	48.66
Philadelphia	45.50-47.00	46.10	10	47.17
Pittsburgh	45.50-47.50	46.70	10	55.06
St. Louis	47.75-48.00	47.51	19	49.41
San Francisco	69.50	68.48	30	66.39

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/10/01	Change/Last Wk	12/03/01	12/11/00
565	55.60	-1.72	57.32	57.44

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	52.00-57.00	54.16	35
Central	50.00-56.00	54.81	61
West	52.00-61.50	58.87	43

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.00-63.50	63.11	75
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,147	45.00-65.50	61.65

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	185.00	1,386
BREASTS - B/S	126.00	4,919
BREASTS - WHOLE	56.50	1,138
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00	805
LEG QUARTERS	28.50	9,636
WINGS	86.00	3,267

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate and available at slight discounts to stimulate sales. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate, although, bone-in breasts were in the better balanced position. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Wings were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was mixed, mostly light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions aided by Christmas shopping. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Bone-in breasts were in best balance and clearing well, and the remaining items were at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was barely steady. Trading for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations unchanged to lower on heavy weights and mixed on lighter weights. Offerings were seasonal and ample for the only fair buying interest. Heavy weights remained in the longest position. Retail demand had improved by stores for whole body fryers where features planned otherwise only fair, dine-in restaurants was fair with fast food fairly good. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Parts trading reported: leg quarters bulk 26.5-31 and 28.5-32 4/10s, breasts bone-in 58-66 and boneless 117-121, wings frozen 4/10s 70-75, whole legs generally 51, boneless thigh meat mainly 88 and wings 92. The Los Angeles negotiated WOGs weighted average was up .34 to 53.43 with the volume reported at 28 loads down 15 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries decreased into all areas with Ohio cities TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Additional product offerings varied for the limited and selective buyer interest. Movement into all channels was mixed, generally light to fair into retail and moderate into food service. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was slow to moderate and best for wings. Supplies were sufficient on all items. The market tone was steady on wings and cautiously steady to weak on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair for Monday's fill-in needs. Seller offerings were fully sufficient in handling inquiry. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were light to heavy and often noted as a bit lighter than desired. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast and some bone-in supplies were noted as in fairly decent balance, mainly due to retail promotional activity. Other items were at least adequate for trade needs.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	40-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.77
NO. OF BOXES	10,465
*8 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light to fair at best as dealers cautiously assessed the market entering the week. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available, and wings were adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair, and was best for the occasional promotion. The market tone was about steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		115	118.33	416,840
TENDERLOINS		100	105.19	84,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52		58.83	193,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	51		52.33	201,920
LEGS	38-39		42.99	153,900
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23		25.83	295,107
DRUMSTICKS	38-39		40.52	120,380
THIGHS	34-35		41.00	58,050
B/S THIGHS	86-87		86.85	39,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84		89.50	291,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.32	42,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		36.05	9,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		62.09	21,640

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,852	100.00-125.00	105-110	109.12
TENDERLOINS	242	100.00-192.00	100-105	111.81
BREAST - WITH RIBS	202	49.00-84.00	49-52	57.21
FRONT HALVES	560	56.00-58.00	58	57.71
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	316	21.00-25.00	21-22	21.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,871	20.00-26.00	23-26	23.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	51	67.00-82.00	82	80.43
DRUMSTICKS	143	37.00-45.00	37	38.28
THIGHS	1,764	32.00-39.00	32-34	33.01

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/10	12/06	12/06	12/03	11/29
ALA	4,085	4,006	5.01	3,881	5.14
ARK	5,399	5,277	4.88	5,280	4.91
DELMARVA	2,123	2,312	5.15	2,276	5.05
KY-LA-TN	1,955	1,969	4.57	2,005	4.56
MISS	2,856	2,867	5.12	2,659	5.10
NC	2,575	2,612	6.02	2,560	5.93
TEXAS	2,420	2,379	4.90	2,323	4.94
TOTAL	21,413	21,422	5.08	20,984	5.09
MON	21,413(A)			20,984(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Dec 2001 is estimated to be 32,036,000 up 1.74 percent from a week ago and up 5.05 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,489,000, last year 30,496,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	875	102.00-168.00	118-125	130.98
TENDERLOINS	87	105.00-200.00	105-110	121.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	58.00-62.00	58-60	58.44
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	34.50-48.00	34-36	35.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,000	23.00-31.00	24-26	26.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	77.00-88.50	84-86	86.49
WINGS (CUT)	376	94.00-110.00	94-103	98.01
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 10, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.25 - 44.50	39.69	40.42

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF DEC-10-14-2001 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	103.00 - 127.00	117.00 - 120.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	52.00 - 71.00	52.00 - 62.00
LEGS	38.00 - 47.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 28.00	24.00
DRUMSTICKS	38.00 - 47.00	-
THIGHS	31.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	65.00 - 85.00	79.00 - 81.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	24.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81-100
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	85-104
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

07-DEC-2001				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.00	182,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.00		

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	14.00	1,221,000	418,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.69	14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-15.50	10.00-13.75	1,392,300	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.28	12.36		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were good with shipping channels active for pre-holiday needs. Schedules were increased slightly. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-01			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12	8-9	8.86

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

07-DEC-2001				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-14.00	142,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.43		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-12.00	9.50-12.00	1,305,600	734,400
WTD AVERAGE	11.50	10.50		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Canner supplies were about adequate for current trade requirements. The market tone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10.5	8-9	8.47
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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